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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 27, 2005

I. Introductory Comments

The present paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2005. Also enclosed are a Request for Extension of Time (one month), a Statement of Common Ownership regarding U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2004/0262000 to Morgan et al., a Statement of Common Ownership regarding U.S. Patent No. 6,964,302 to Luke et al., and a check in payment of fees due for the requested extension.

If any additional fees are required, including those for an extension of time, I authorize the Commissioner to charge such fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.